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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

March 12, 2007

SUBJECT: INTENT TO NEGOTIATE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR GAIN

VOCATIONAL INTERMEDIARY AND DIRECT SERVICES

In accordance with your Board's motion of February 23, 1999, on sole source contracts of \$250,000 or greater, this is to inform you of the Department's intent to negotiate a sole source contract with the City of Hawthorne for GAIN Vocational Intermediary and Direct Services effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. The current Agreement expires June 30, 2007. California Department of Social Services Purchase of Service regulations allows local jurisdictions to negotiate sole source contracts without formal advertising.

On June 1, 2004, the Board renewed the GAIN Vocational Intermediary and Direct Services Agreement with the City of Hawthorne for three years effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007. Under the sole source Agreement, the City of Hawthorne prepares, maintains and distributes seven service provider directories. GAIN Services Workers access these directories to refer GAIN participants for educational, vocational training and supportive services.

On March 4, 2003, the Board approved the implementation of the Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) program under the GAIN Vocational Intermediary and Direct Services Agreement. This program assists CalWORKs participants to secure unsubsidized employment through participation in paid work experience, off-campus Work Study, on-the-job and vocational classroom training. The current contract amount for the GAIN Vocational Intermediary and Direct Services Agreement is \$15,191,328.

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Since the TSE program's inception, 2,850 participants have been enrolled in TSE, 2,088 (73%) have completed the program, and 1,321 (63%) of those who completed the program have been placed into unsubsidized employment. The City of Hawthorne has consistently provided quality and effective services and continues to be a viable partner in assisting GAIN participants to become self-sufficient.

We will proceed to negotiate the sole source Agreement within two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by your Board.

BY:ko

c: Chief Administrative OfficerCounty CounselExecutive Officer, Board of Supervisors